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A.—(*a*) Two thousand five hundred and sixty-six.

(*b*) Seventy-nine.

(*c*) One thousand six hundred and twenty-nine.

Celebration of the 'Harijan Day'.

15. *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Harijan Day celebration was observed in all the districts so far during the year 1953 in accordance with the programme laid down by the Government; and

(*b*) the amount of expenses involved per each district towards the cost of celebrating the 'Harijan Day' monthly?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No expenditure is incurred by the Government on the celebration of the 'Harijan Day'. Instructions have been issued to all Collectors to constitute committees of local leaders interested in Harijan Welfare work to organize the celebration of the 'Harijan Day' and to collect necessary funds for the same. The information regarding the expenditure incurred by such non-official committees or other organizations is not available.

III.—PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

MR. SPEAKER:—"I have to announce to the House that under rule 15 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I have nominated the following four members to be the Panel of Chairmen for the fifth session:—

(1) Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar.

(2) Sri A. Ramasami Tevar.

(3) Sri V. S. Sivaprakasam.

(4) Sri V. Balakrishnan."

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE* PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1953–54—ELECTION OF FOURTEEN MEMBERS TO—

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"Sir, I beg to move—

'*That, with reference to rule* 138 *of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect fourteen Members to be Members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year* 1953–54.'"

MR. SPEAKER:—"Motion moved—

'That, with reference to rule 138 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, this Assembly do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the Speaker, to elect fourteen Members to be Members of the Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year 1953–54.'"